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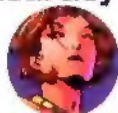
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Professor X



Cyclops



Marvel Girl



Storm



Wolverine



Shadowcat



Beast



Colossus

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ULTIMATE X-MEN

Professor Charles Xavier brought them together to bridge the gap between humanity and those born with strange and amazing powers: Cyclops, Marvel Girl, Storm, Iceman, Beast, Colossus and Wolverine. They are the X-Men, soldiers for Xavier's war to bring peace between man and mutant!

PREVIOUSLY IN ULTIMATE X-MEN:

The X-Men have gone public in an attempt to carry their pro mutant/human relations messages forward. The X-Men now fall under the jurisdiction of world security leader Nick Fury with both the government and Xavier trying to figure out exactly how this new relationship will work.

Unknown to the rest of the X-Men, Hank McCoy, a.k.a. The Beast, left Xavier's Mansion after he thought the new member Angel stole his girlfriend's affections.

Hank's disappearance might be the least of their problems...



NEW MUTANTS

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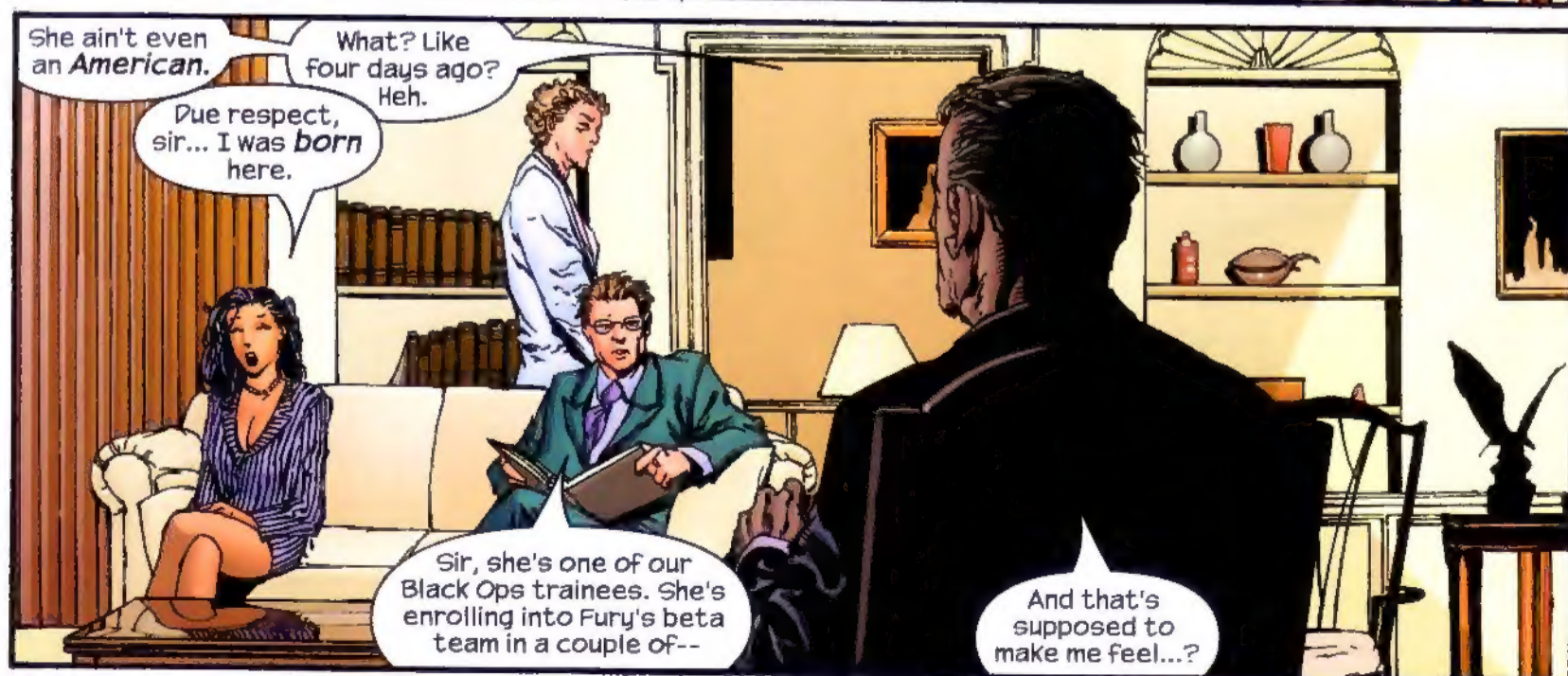
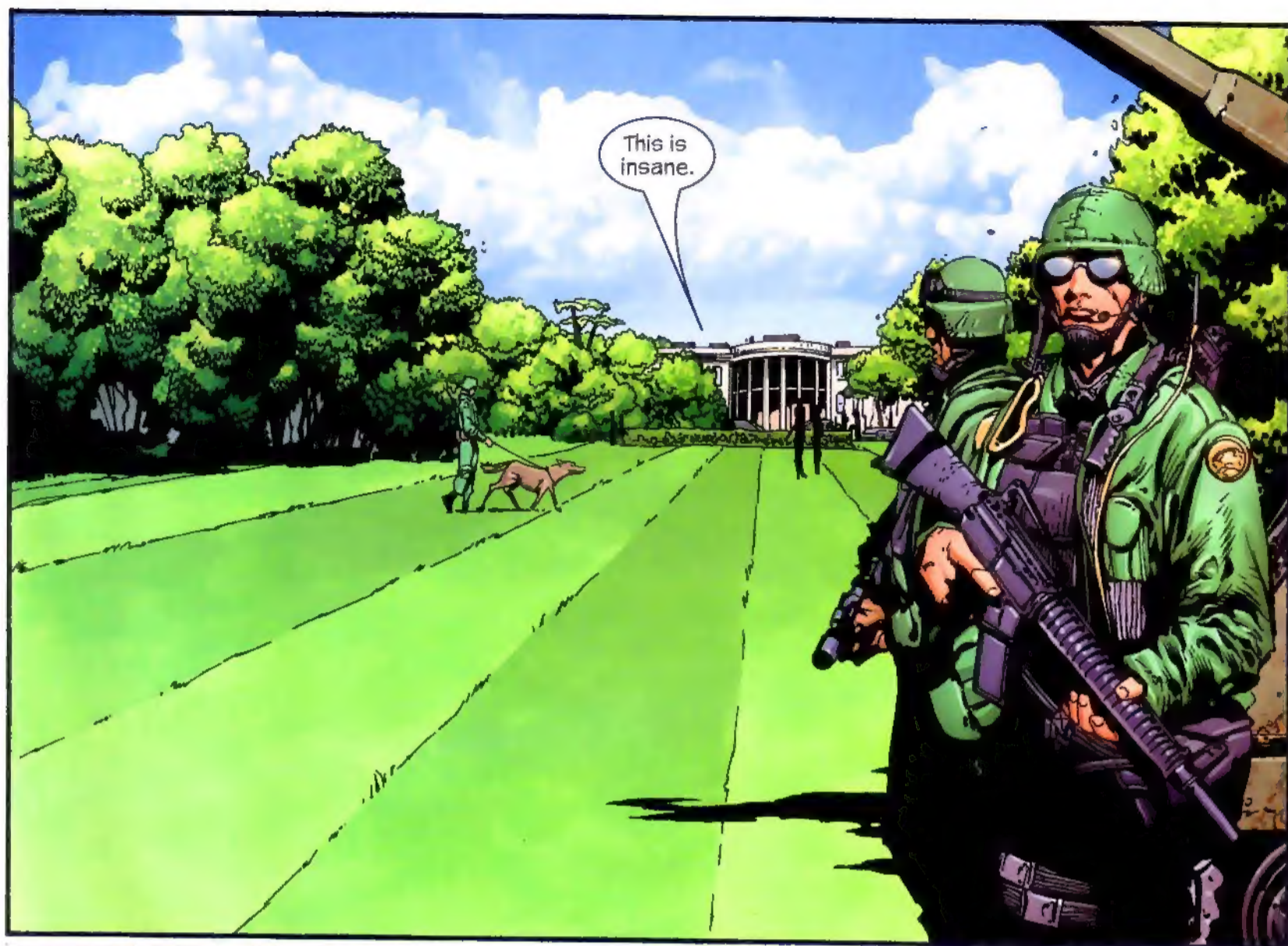
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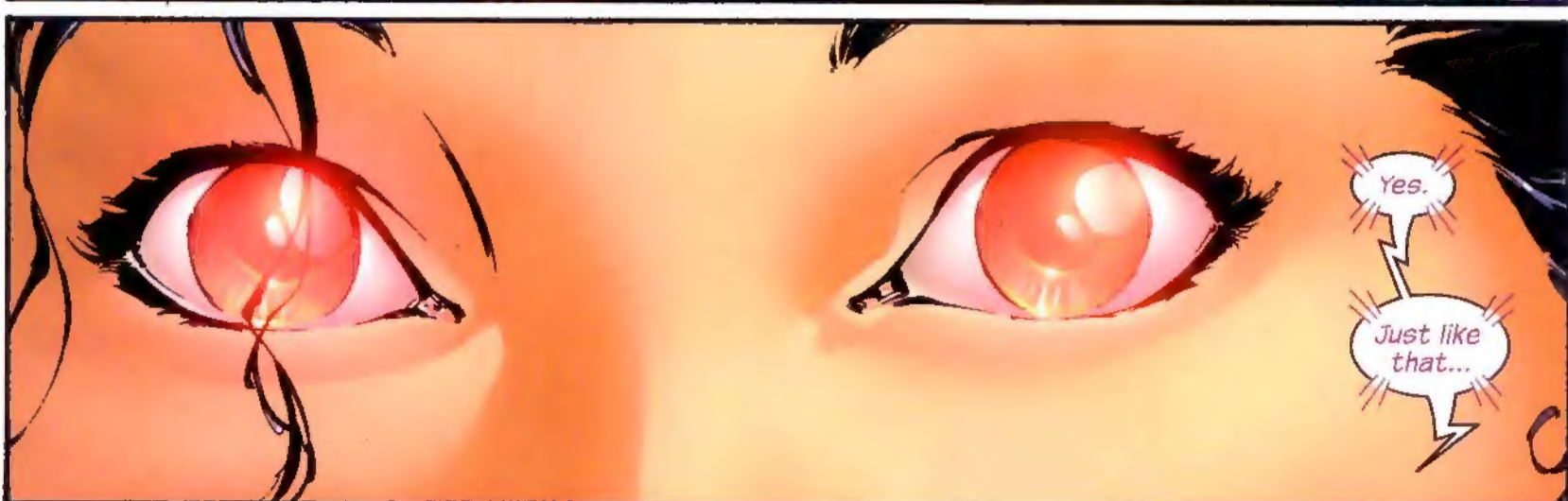
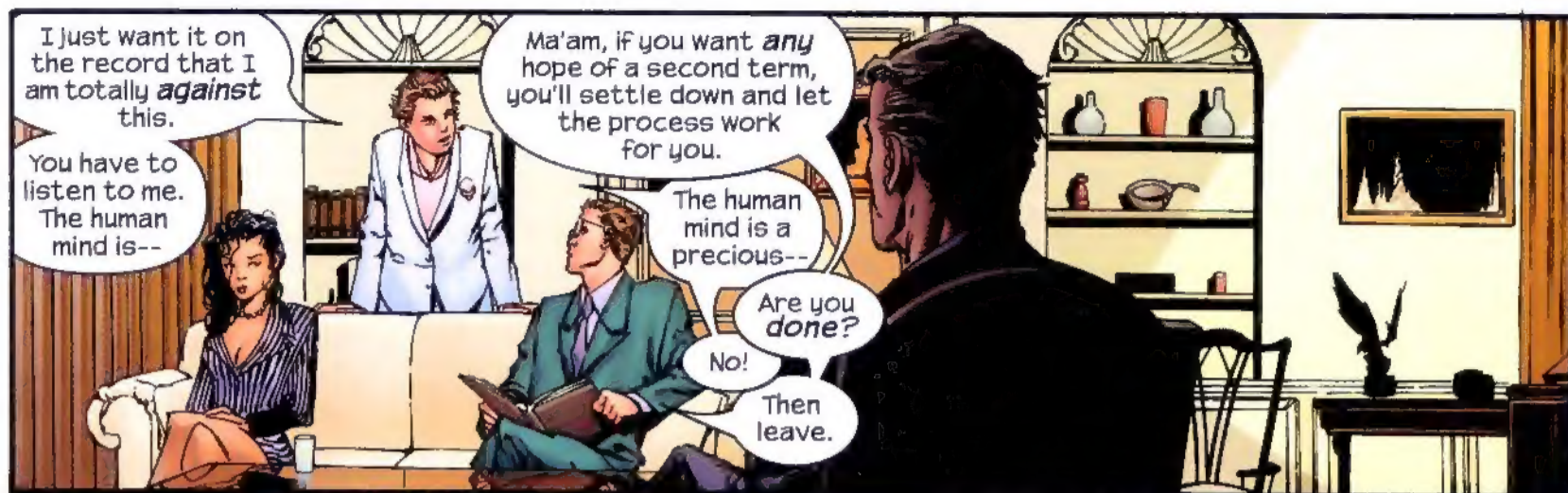
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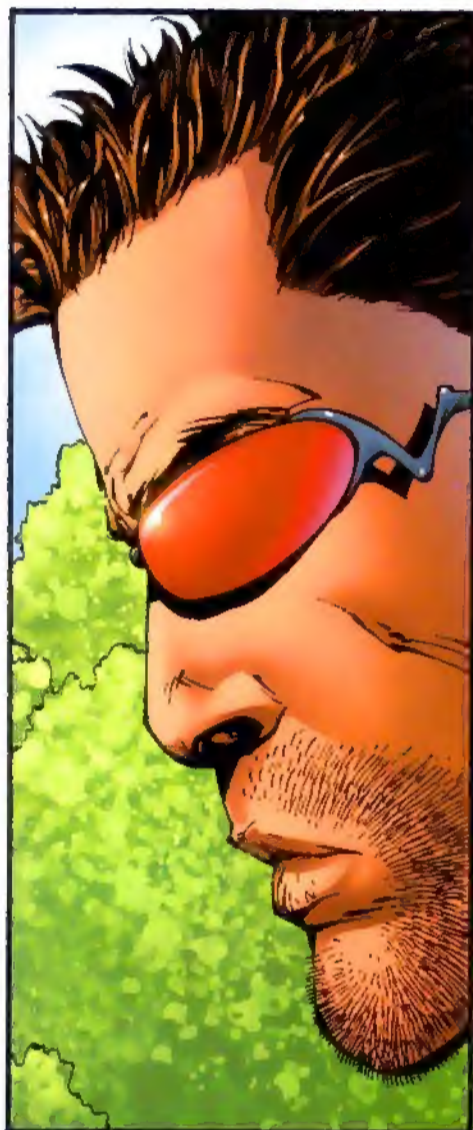
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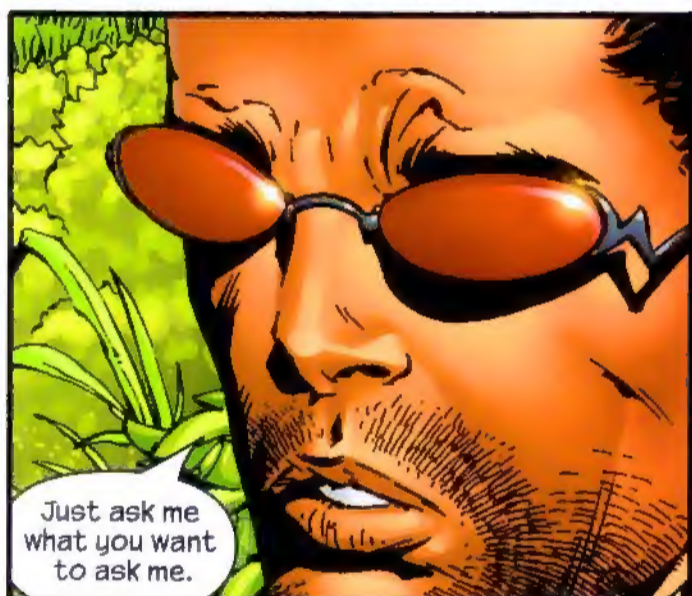


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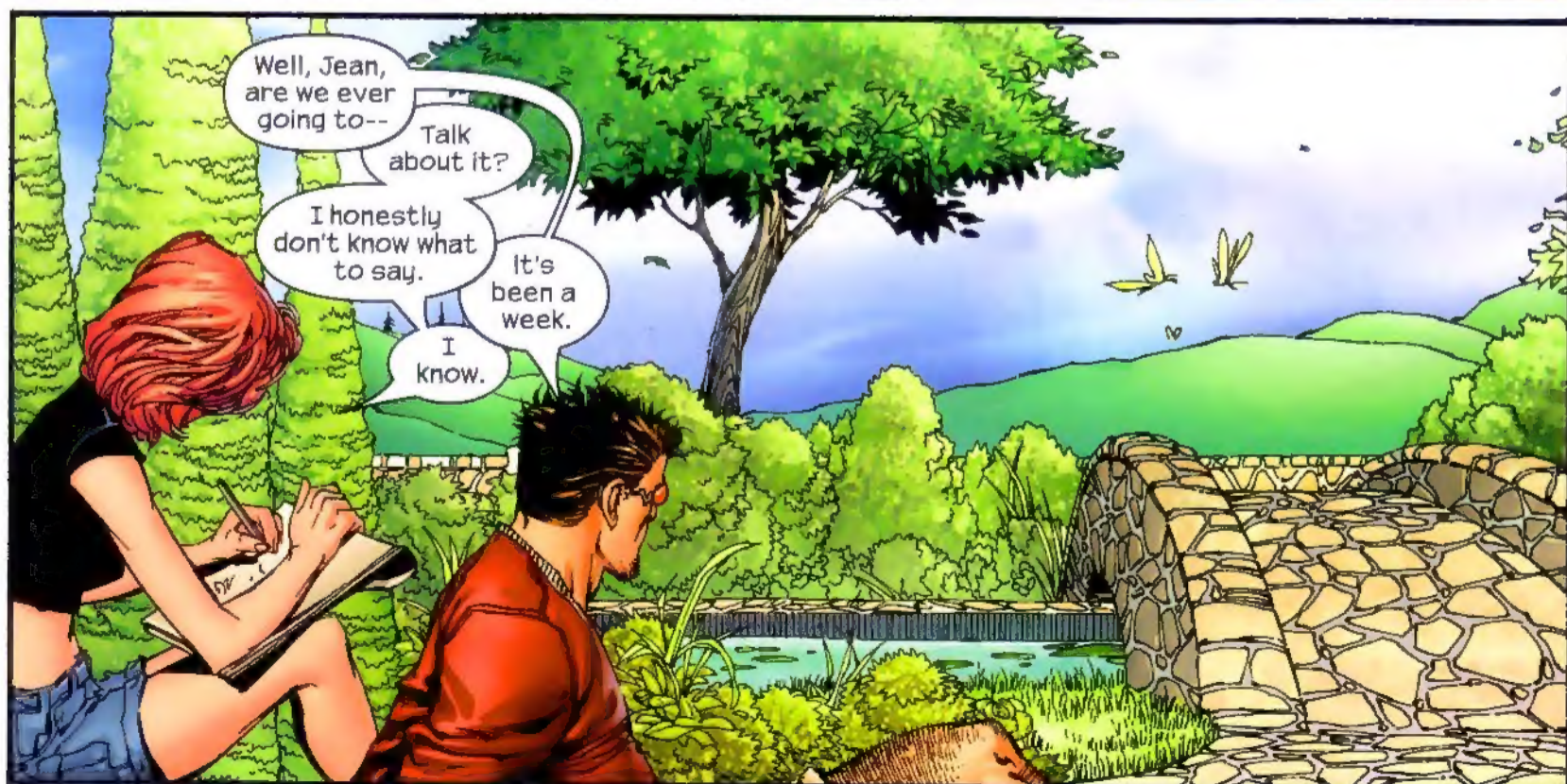
You're screaming at me... in your head.

I'm not.

Scott...



Just ask me what you want to ask me.



Well, Jean, are we ever going to--

Talk about it?

I honestly don't know what to say.

It's been a week.

I know.



A week ago you--

You--

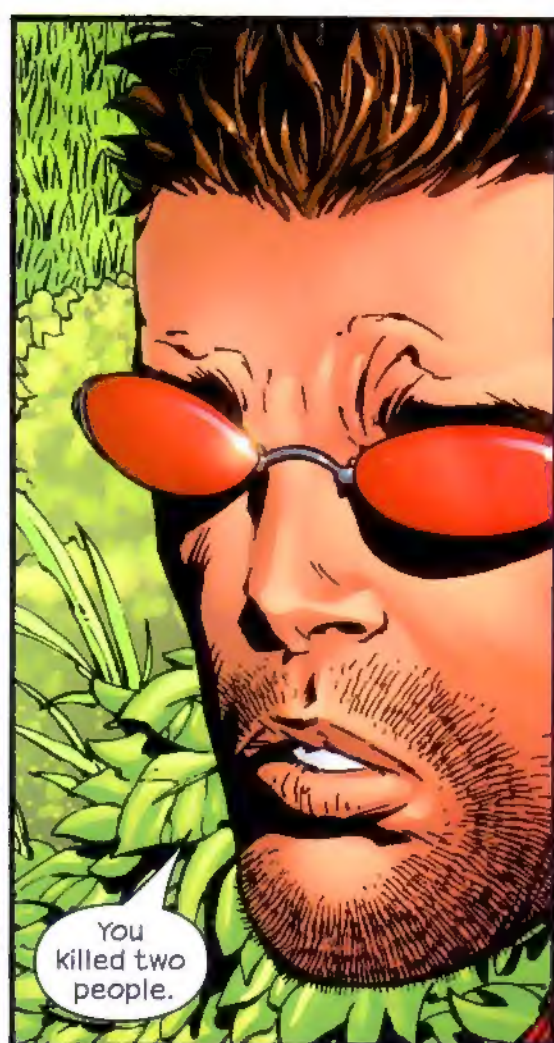
You lost control of your powers...

You *killed* two people.



I killed two anti-mutant terrorists.

And... I did it by *accident*.



You killed two people.



But they were *going* to kill *us*.

I'm not taking *any* of this lightly.

Don't think that. I'm not.

I just don't know how else I'm supposed to react.



We're being trained as soldiers.

We're... we fight.

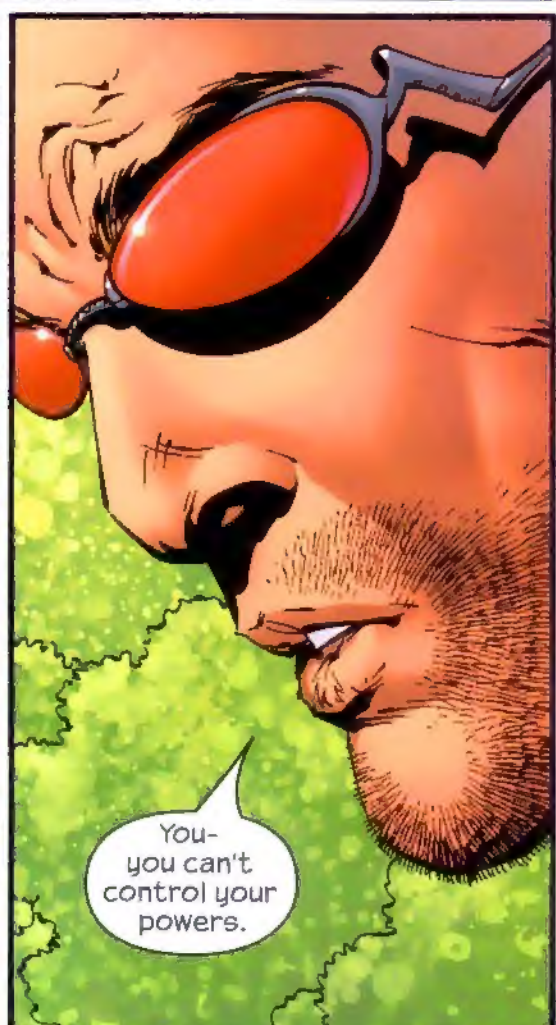
I know we call it something else, but that's what--that's what we *really* are.

We fought and this time there were casualties.

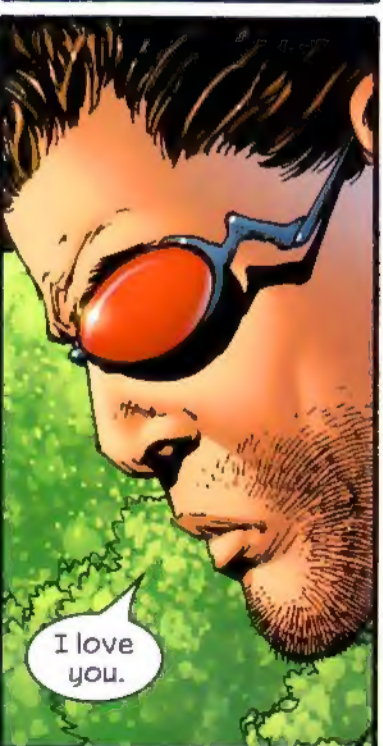
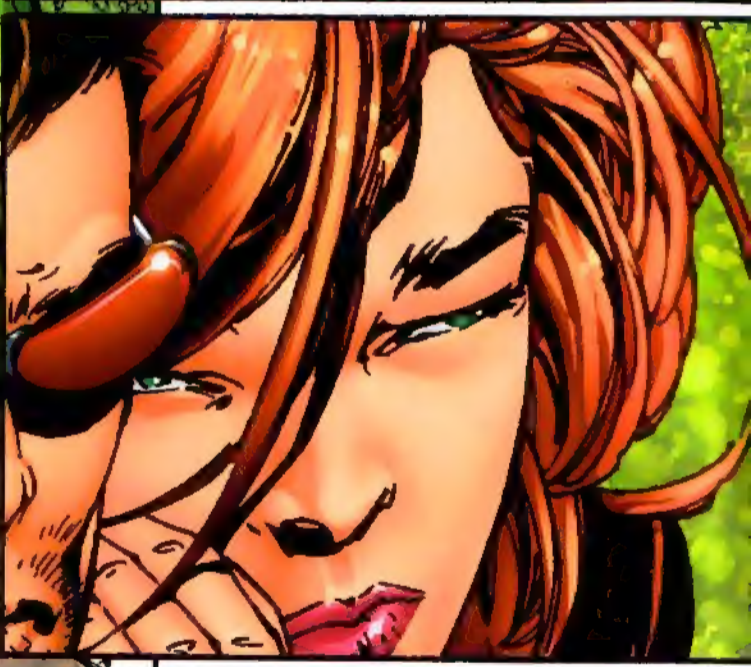
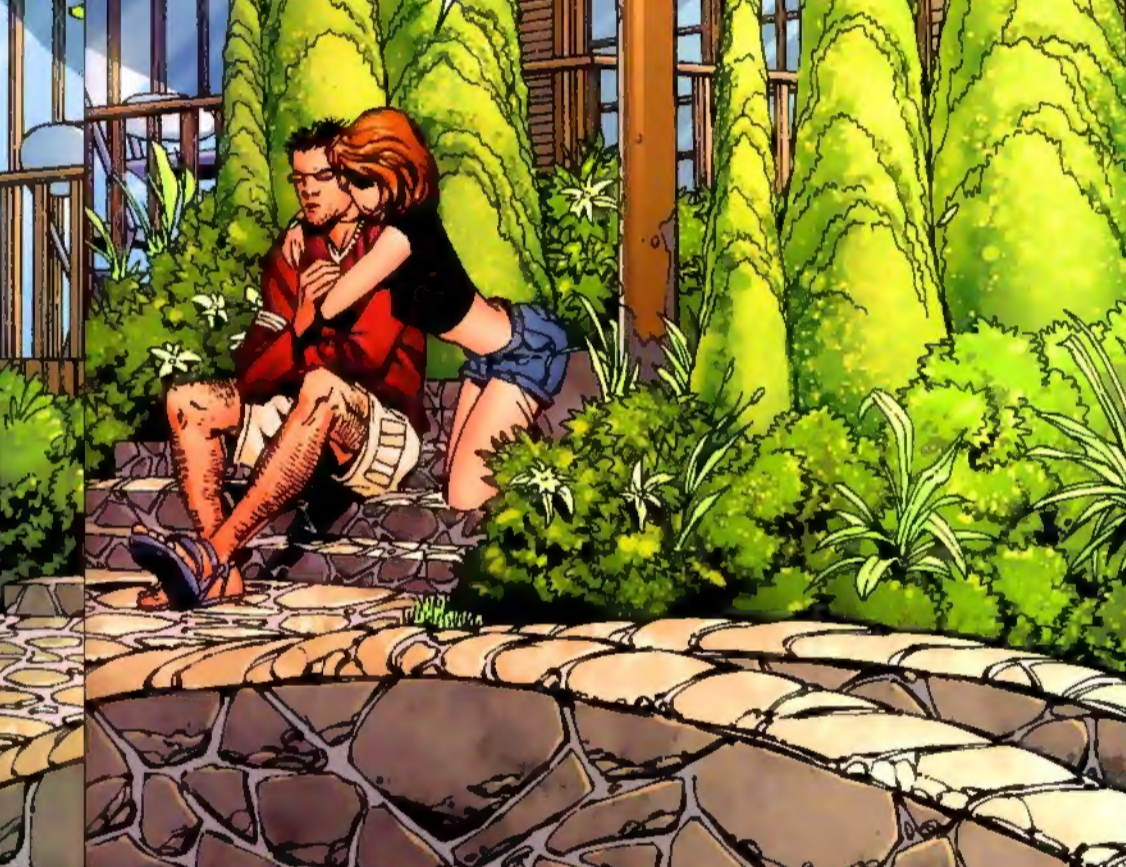
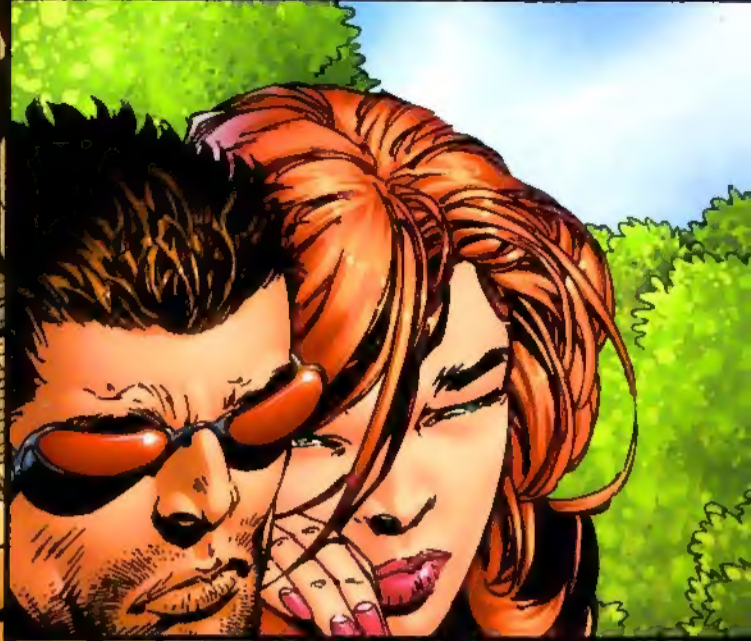


I'm not happy about it. I'm not happy about how *any* of it went.

But I don't know what else I should *do* right now.



You-- you can't control your powers.





Students...

We have an interesting situation.

There's a mutant who is about to go public.

She's some kind of **performer** and she is going to "out" herself to the media... for the attention.

I was wondering if any of you felt like taking a trip out to meet this person.

Maybe *talk* to her- get a sense of what she's going to say or do publicly.

How she plans on presenting her mutant abilities on the public stage...

Maybe coach her a little.



Scott, you're very good at this sort of thing.

Take the plane and a couple of your classmates. Your choice.

Who is it? Someone famous?



Not yet, Kittycat.

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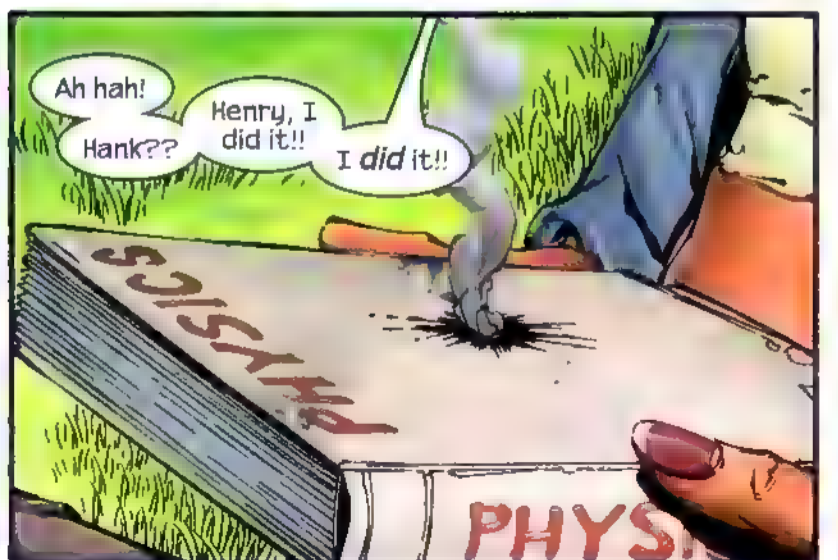
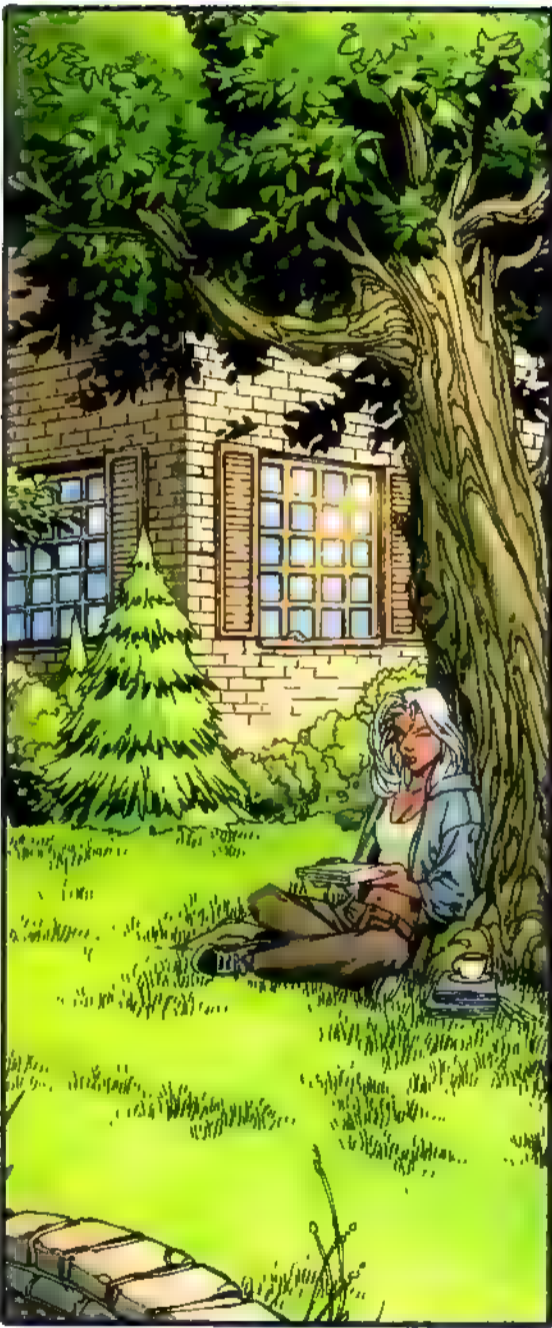
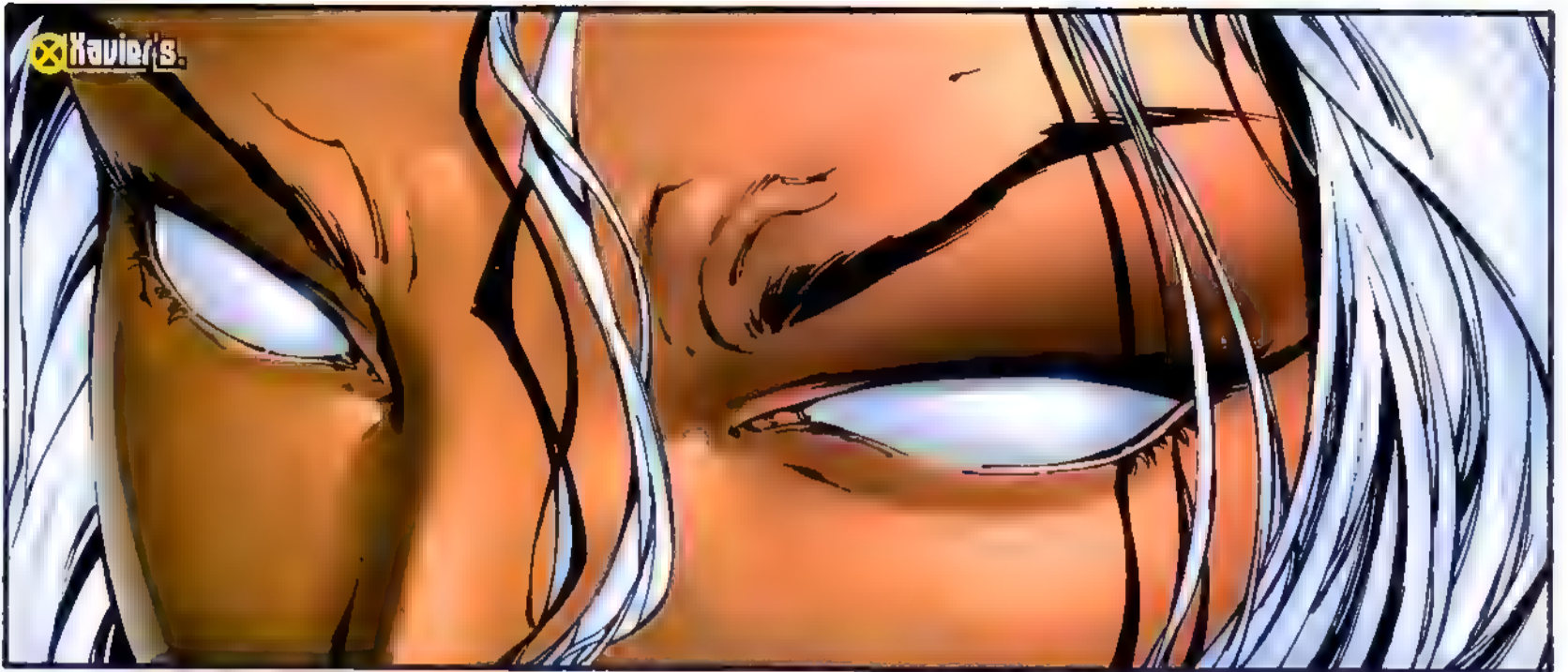


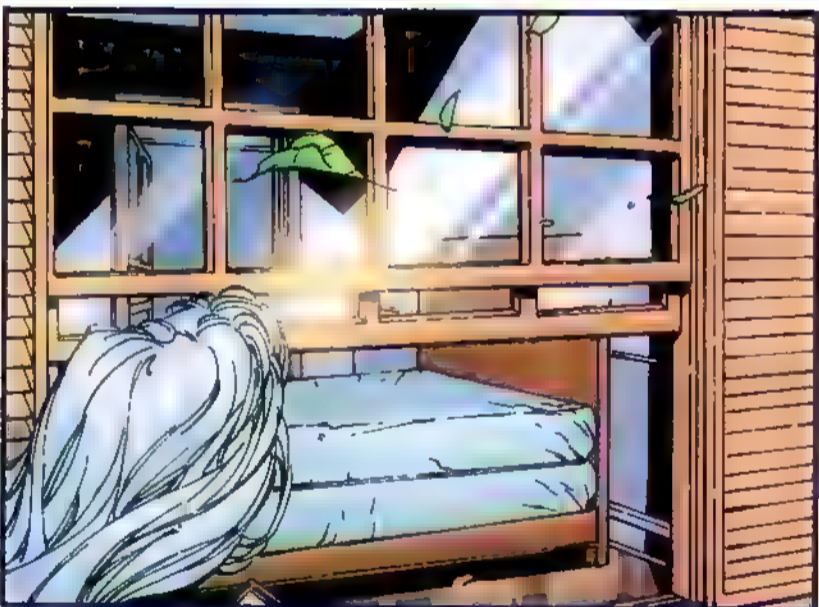
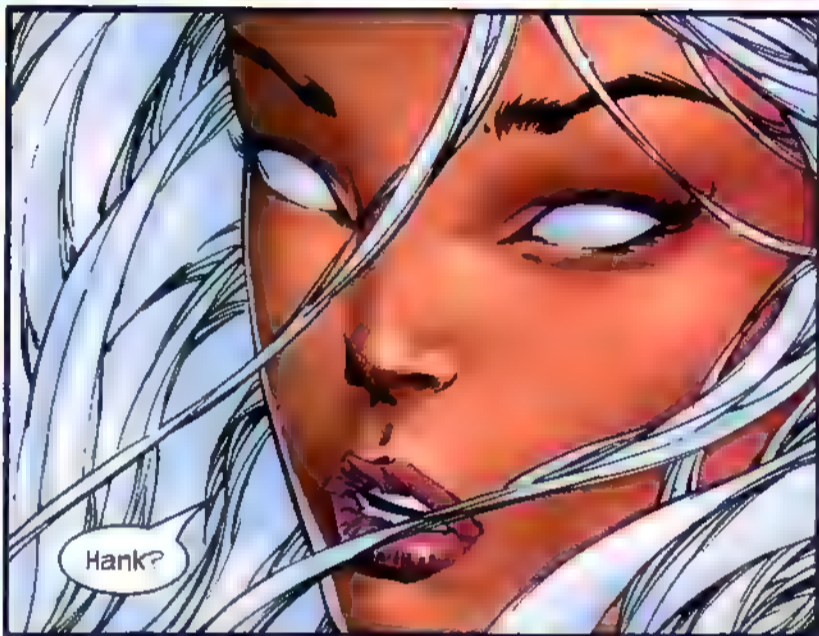
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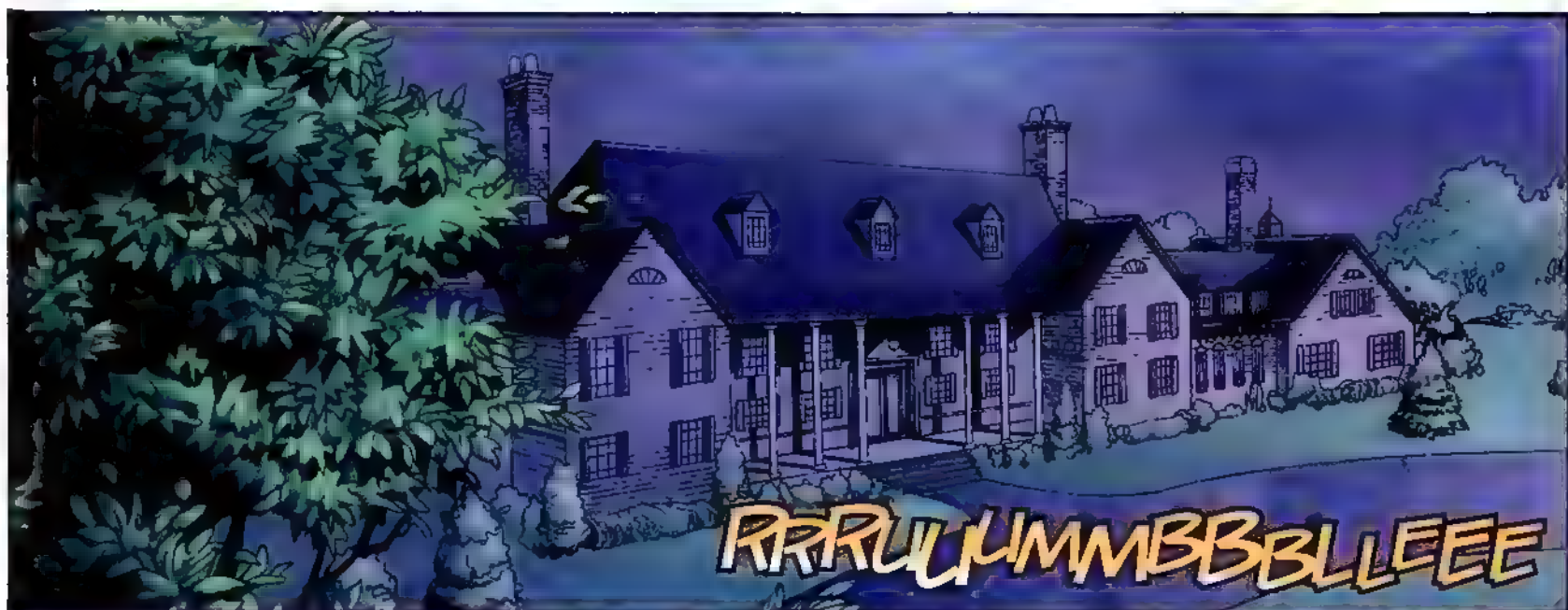
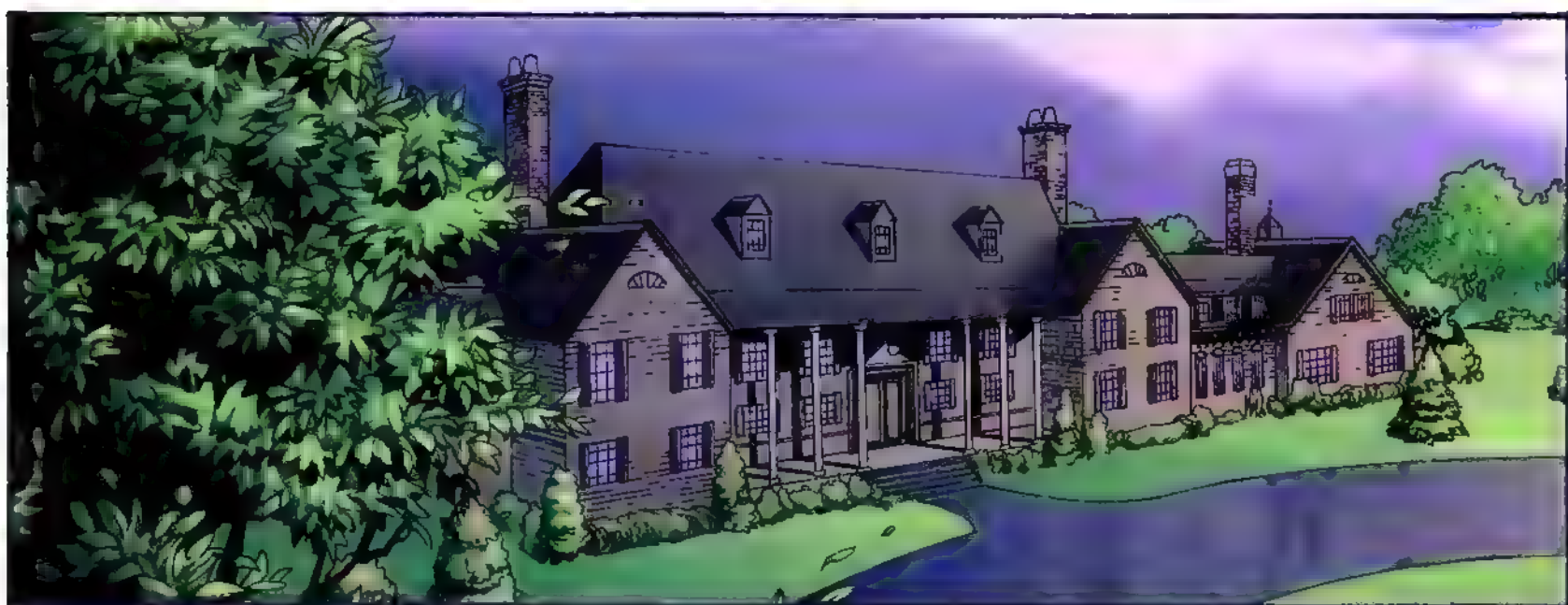
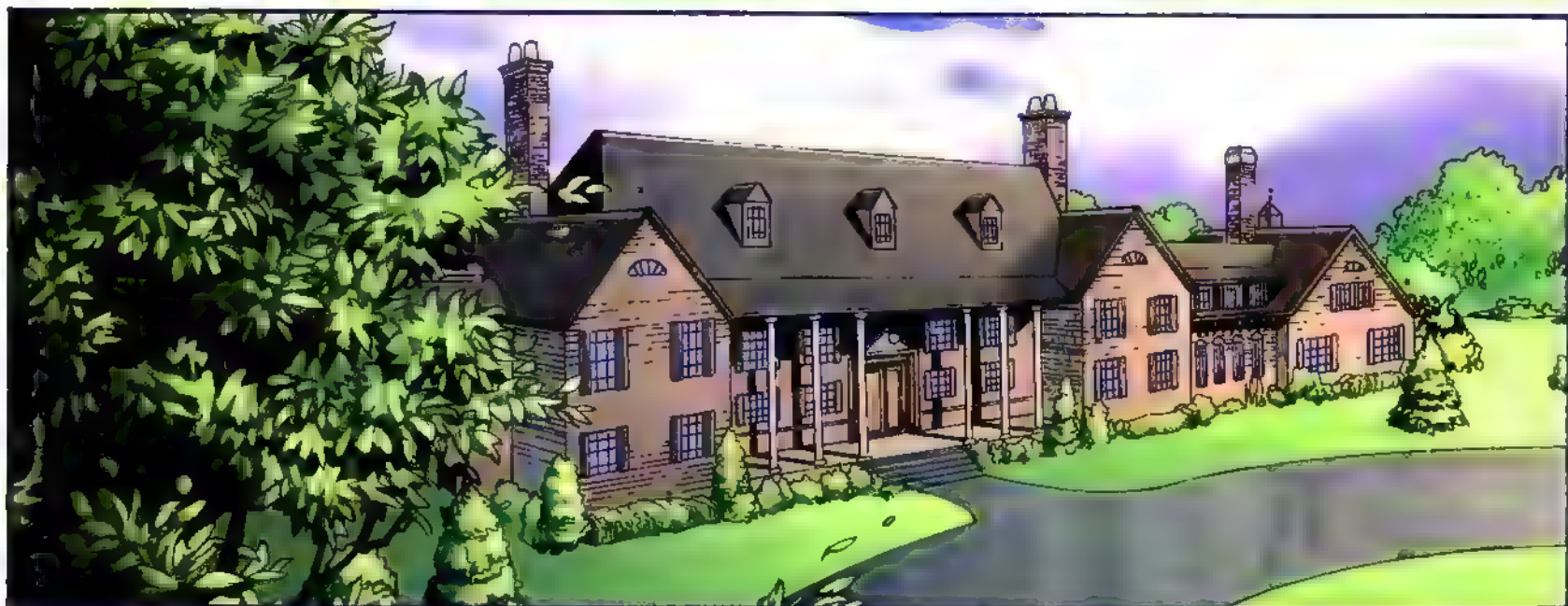
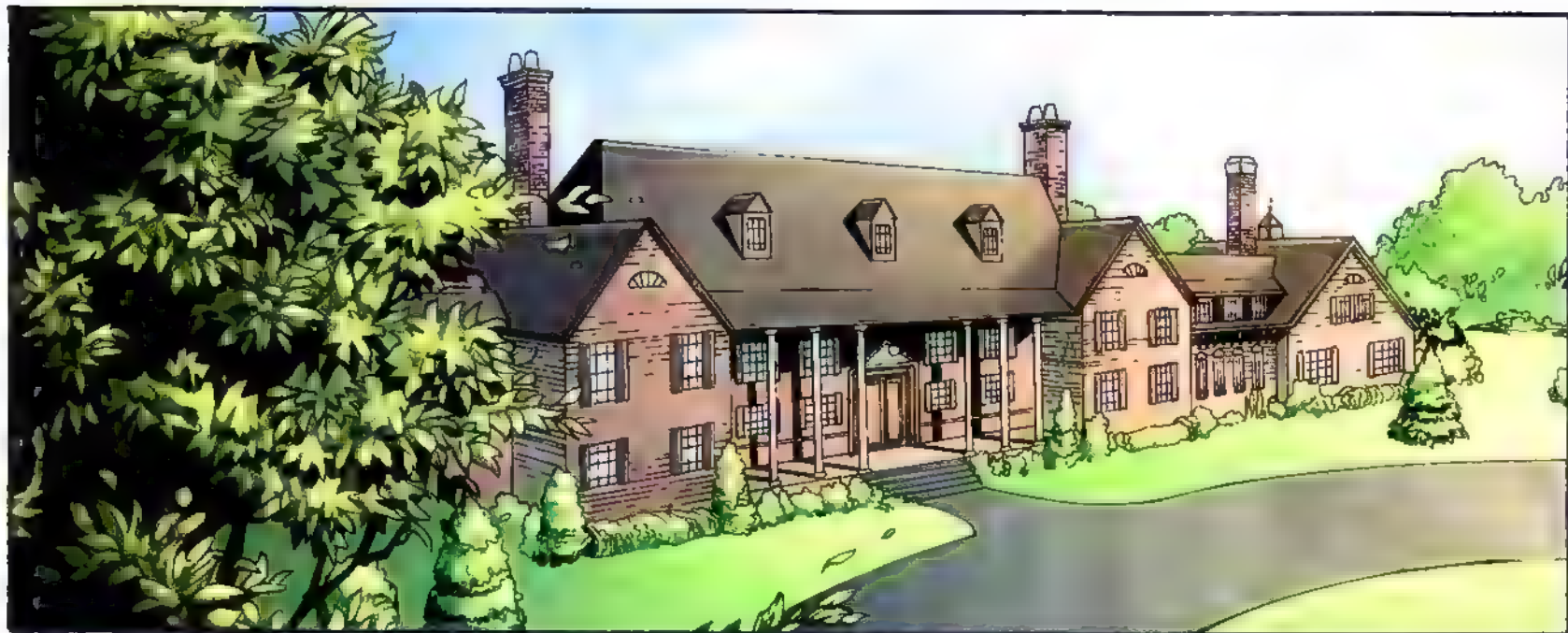


I like
'em.











Why are we doing this in the Situation Room?

This room is one of the only rooms in the White House, maybe in the United States, that we can guarantee is **psi-proof**.

What does that mean?

That means, Mr. President, that even **high-powered** psychic mutants like Professor Charles Xavier and Jean Grey can't "**hear**" us in here.



Why isn't Nick Fury here?

This is, in part, about Nick Fury, Mr. President.

As your appointed Director of Intelligence it was my **obligation** to inform you that the recent anti-mutant attacks in New York City and on the X-Mansion--

--military-style attacks, **not** approved by this White House, against the so-called X-Men...

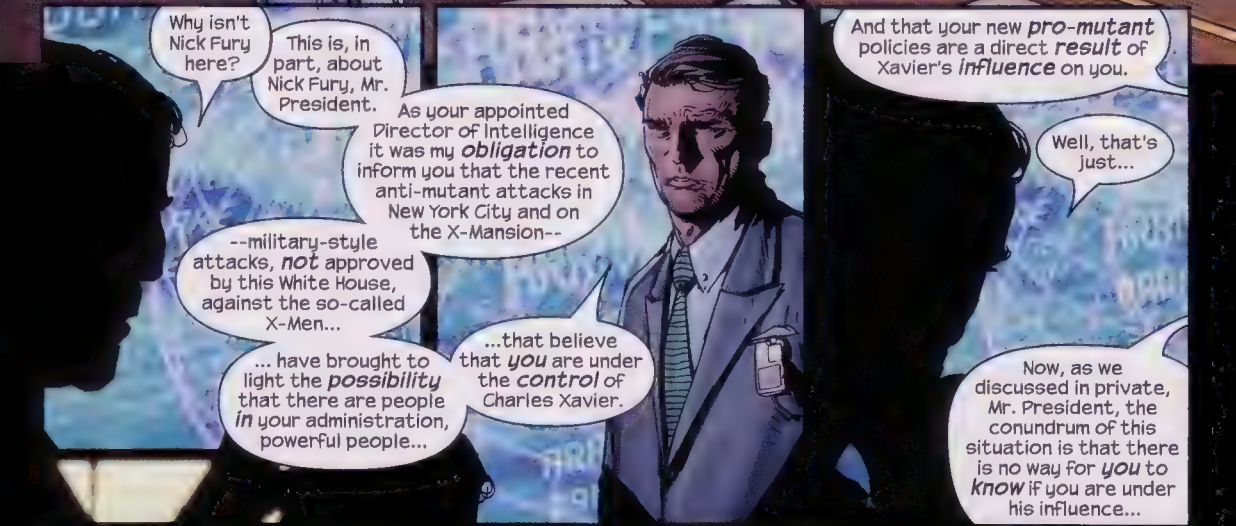
... have brought to light the **possibility** that there are people **in** your administration, powerful people...

...that believe that **you** are under the **control** of Charles Xavier.

And that your new **pro-mutant** policies are a direct **result** of Xavier's **influence** on you.

Well, that's just...

Now, as we discussed in private, Mr. President, the conundrum of this situation is that there is no way for **you** to **know** if you are under his influence...



...let alone **prove** to anyone that you aren't.

This morning we had one of our own Black Ops mutant trainees psychically analyze the President's recent brain activities.

She spent over an hour "**sifting**" through his brain...

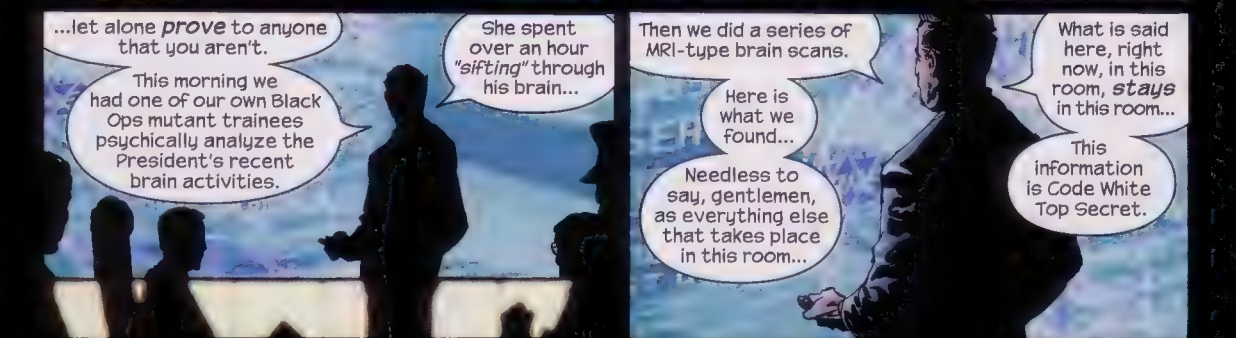
Then we did a series of MRI-type brain scans.

Here is what we found...

Needless to say, gentlemen, as everything else that takes place in this room...

What is said here, right now, in this room, **stays** in this room...

This information is Code White Top Secret.

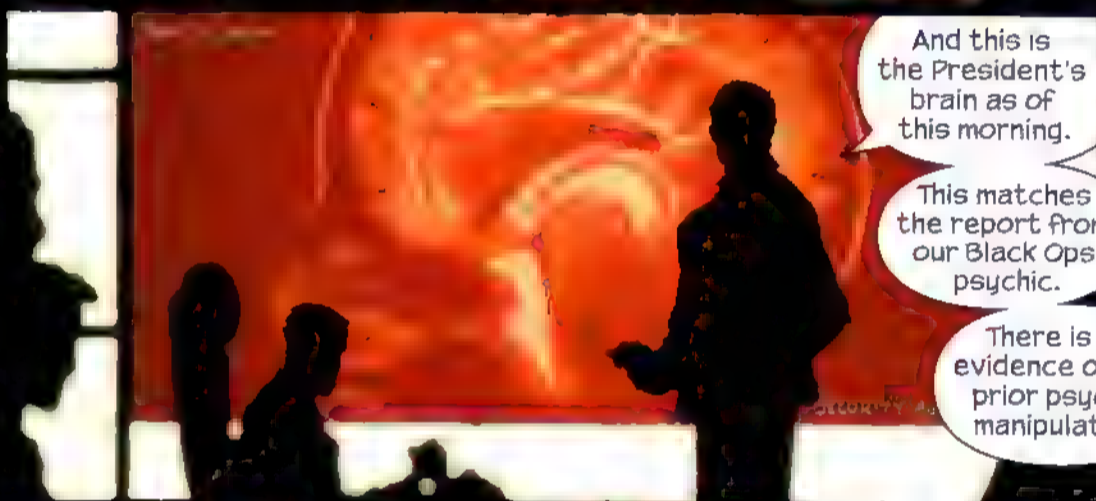




This is the digital scan of a brain wave pattern of a brain that *has* been psychically penetrated.



This is a brain that has *not*.



And this is the President's brain as of this morning.

This matches the report from our Black Ops psychic.

There is no evidence of any prior psychic manipulation.

So, everything is hunky-dory.

Good. Fine and good.



Well, no, sir.

No, because though we here in this room, can rest assured that you have not been manipulated by Charles Xavier--

--there is nothing that this White House can say or do that will rectify the fact that there are those who believe that you *have*.

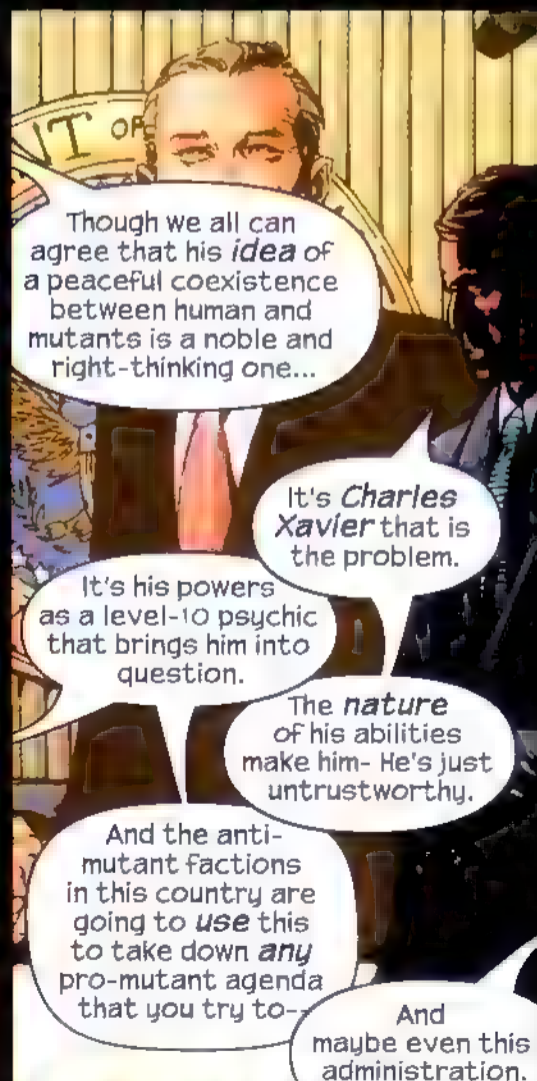
So, we'll release these here brain pictures, these whadaya call'ems--

And everyone will know everything is right as rain.

I done told y'all that I was of sound mind and y'all just go jumpin' to conclusions.

Sir, what the Director is trying to say is--

It's your *relationship* to Charles Xavier himself is what might be the problem.



Though we all can agree that his *idea* of a peaceful coexistence between human and mutants is a noble and right-thinking one...

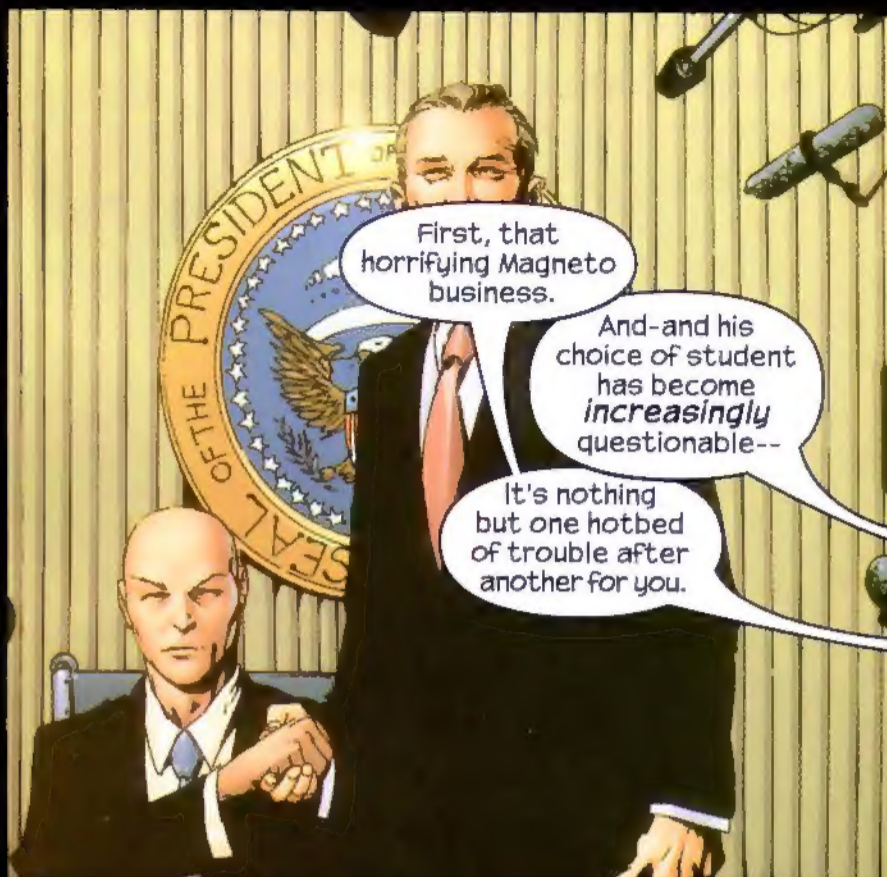
It's *Charles Xavier* that is the problem.

It's his powers as a level-10 psychic that brings him into question.

The *nature* of his abilities make him- He's just untrustworthy.

And the anti-mutant factions in this country are going to *use* this to take down *any* pro-mutant agenda that you try to--

And maybe even this administration.



First, that horrifying Magneto business.

And-and his choice of student has become *increasingly* questionable--

It's nothing but one hotbed of trouble after another for you.

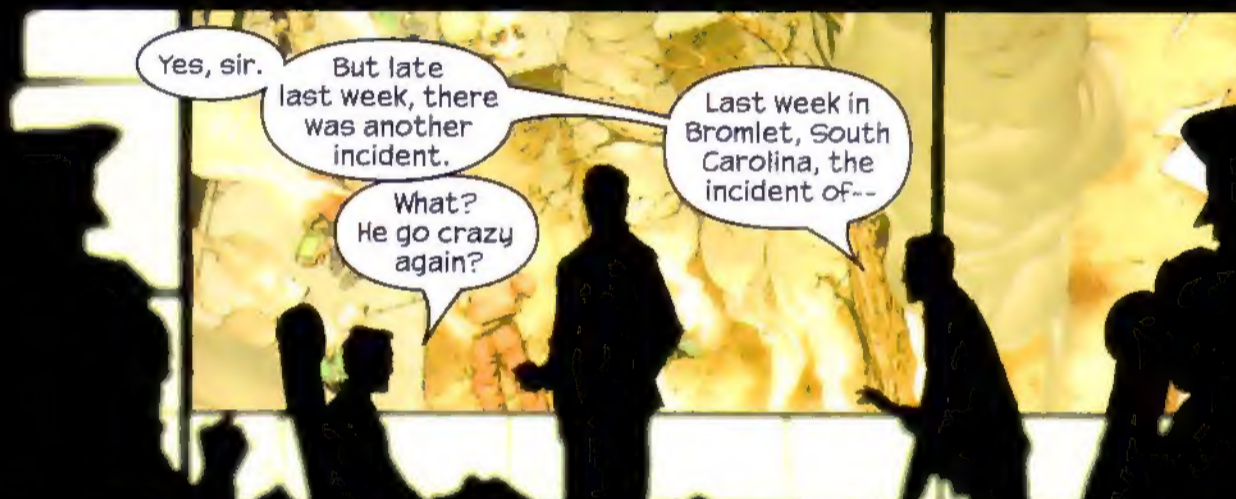
What? You talkin' about that angel fellow?

Well, I have heard one mouthful out of the Pope on *that* one, I tell you.

Yes, sir, but there's also the growing problem of Weapon X: Code Name Wolverine.

I thought we had that all worked out.

Xavier keeps him underfoot and America's involvement in the horrors of the Weapon X program gets swept under the rug.



Yes, sir.

But late last week, there was another incident.

What? He go crazy again?

Last week in Bromlet, South Carolina, the incident of--



The 387 that died in the chemical accident at--



It seems it *wasn't* a chemical accident.



But the CDC said it--



Yes, well, that report you're referring to came to us from S.H.I.E.L.D...

...not the CDC.

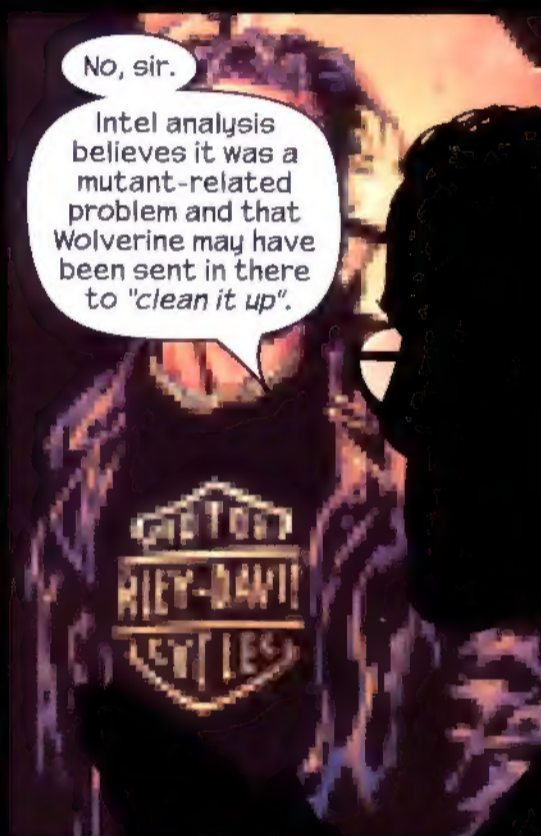


This picture was sent to us via a comlink satellite the morning after the incident in South Carolina.

That is the Weapon X refugee code-named Wolverine seen just a mile out of downtown Bromlet.

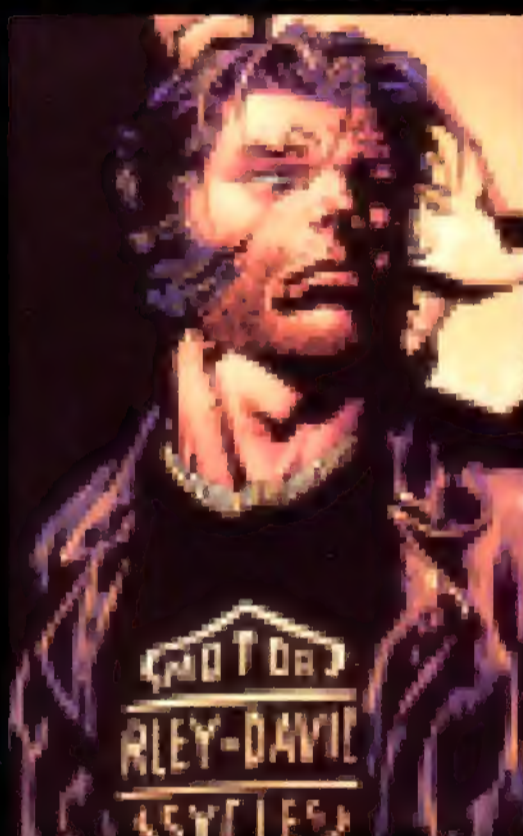


You saying *Wolverine* killed all those people?



No, sir.

Intel analysis believes it was a mutant-related problem and that Wolverine may have been sent in there to "clean it up".



I believe, best guess, that Nick Fury quietly sent him in to remove the problem of a new mutant who either could not control his powers or--

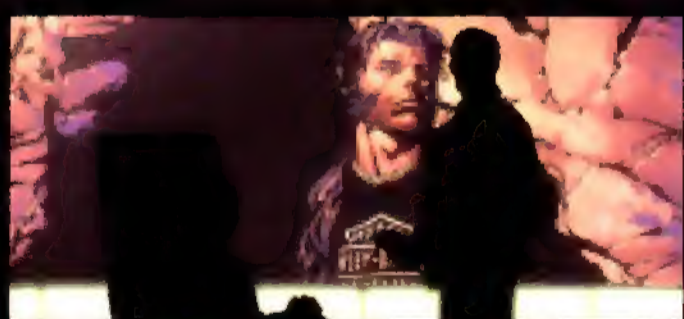
Nick Fury--

Yes, sir.

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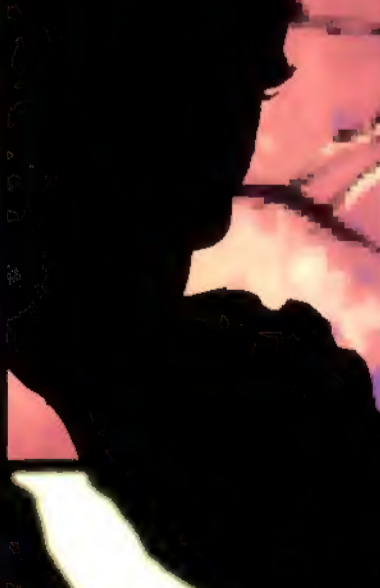
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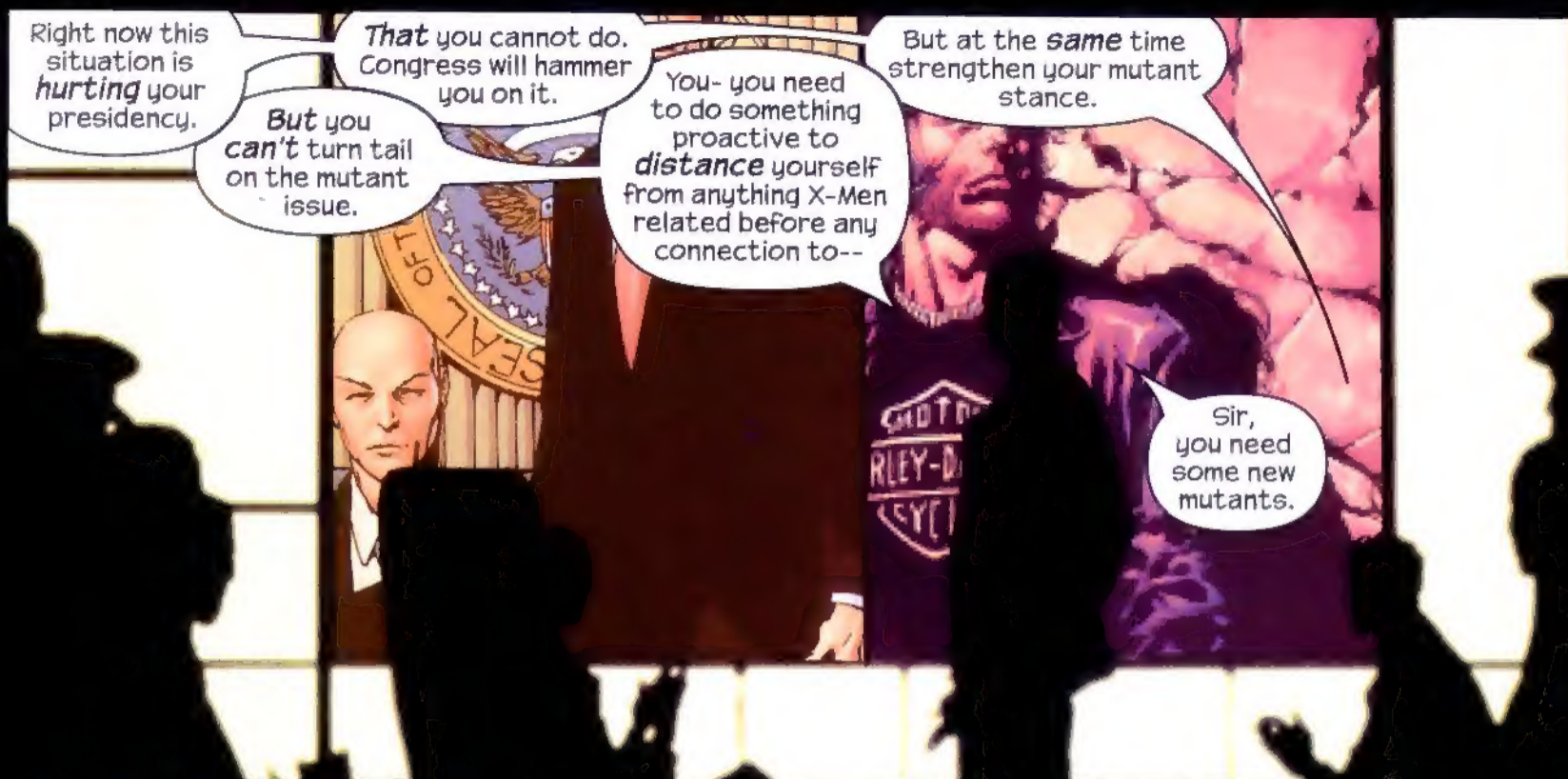
But if you add it all up *Xavier's* mutants may not be the mutants you should be in bed with.

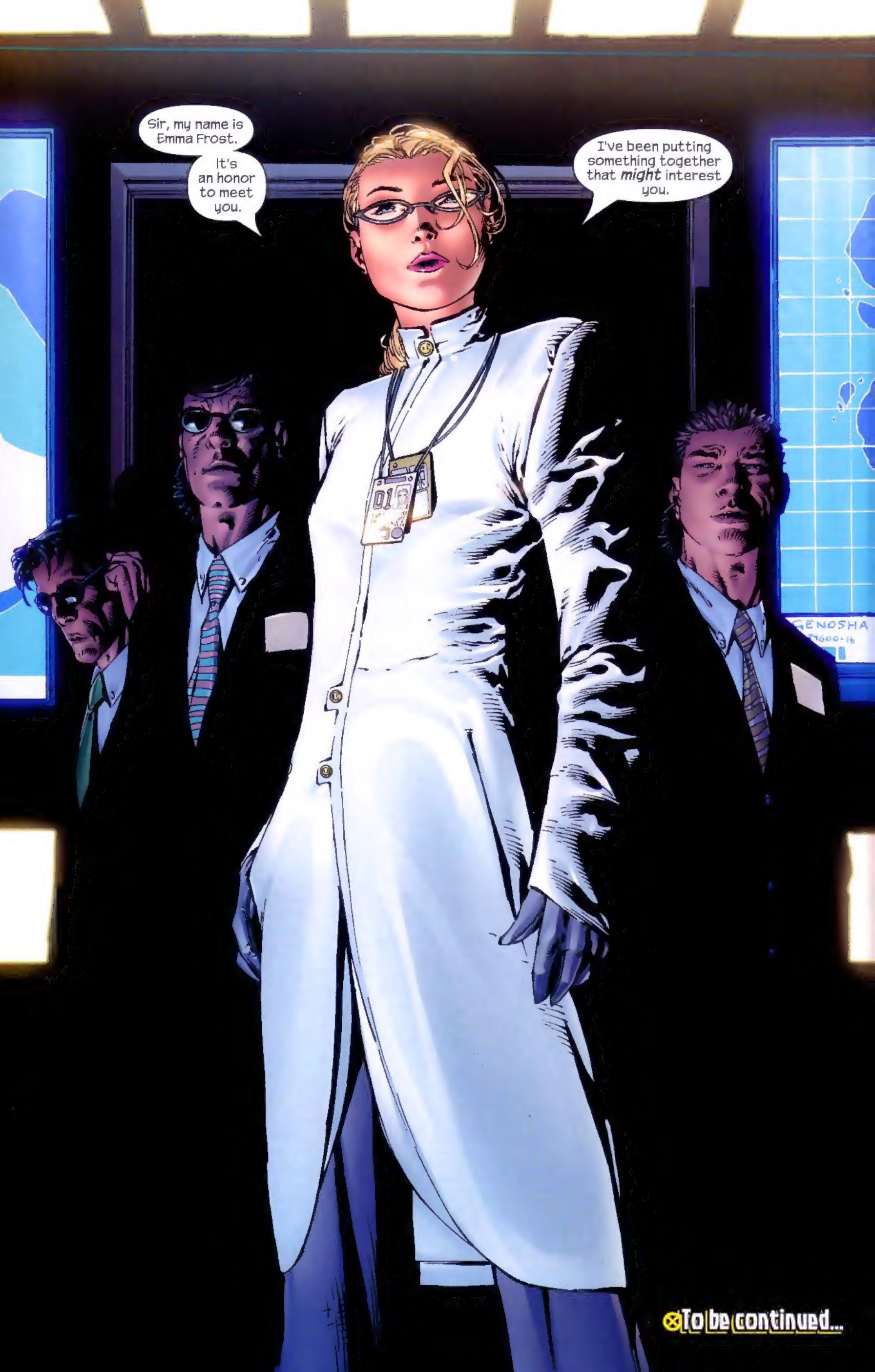


Well, I am very uncomfortable with this entire situation. I am.

Yes, sir.





A comic book panel showing Emma Frost in a white lab coat with two ID badges, standing in a control room. She is flanked by three men in suits. The man on the left is adjusting his sunglasses. The man in the center looks forward. The man on the right has his eyes closed. In the background, there are windows showing a blue sky and a map of Genosha.

Sir, my name is
Emma Frost.

It's
an honor
to meet
you.

I've been putting
something together
that *might* interest
you.

⊗To be continued...